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# The City of Dragons - FANTASY

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## Chapter 1 by Nabil Wahedi

Red knew that he was destined to help people. That he would do good deeds for the rest of his days. Today was the day to prove that. The manhood tests would be performed on every 12-year-old child, it has happened for centuries. That's what Red thought. The Council of Masters said it was, so it must be true. Red walked through the town announcing his destiny to his best friend. And his only friend. His name, Unferth. (No this isn't a sequel to Beowulf) As they were walking they saw a man holding papers yelling "Papers papers! Read all about it! Manhood test changed to one week earlier!" "Ugh the manhood tests." Unferth complained. "I think it's very important, what would we do without it?" red commented.

## Chapter 2 by ForbiddenMoonlight



Unferth shrugged. "Choose our own fate?"

Red stared at him in horror. "What a terrible idea! The Council of Masters always see whats best."

Unferth averted his eyes, muttering under his breath. "Thats exactly what they want you to

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Red didn't have time to think about it. He just wanted to get away from Unferth and his hands.

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"Five small coins, boy!"

Startled but interested, as the manhood test held everything Red clasped dear, he fished out five small coins, wincing as his supper was taken away by the man who had already moved on, yelling to some other poor crowd.

Slowly, Red unfolded the papers. He had been able to read, as was Unferth, as they had been lucky and their teacher knew how to read.

What he saw had Red slamming the papers into a ball, anger rimming his vision.

Unferth, interested by Red's reaction, yanked the crinkled paper out of Red's hands and unballed it.

His face paled, and he quickly grabbed Red to pull him into an alleyway, knowing of the outburst that was about to occur.

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